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Henry Sheppard, who has been visiting home folks here, returned to Kansas City Monday.

S. Lowenstein, the horse buyer, will be in Rich Hill Friday, Jan. 7. He will our at 11 a.m. and brought to him.

Miss Edna Jones made a short visit with friends in Rich Hill last week.

Quite a large crowd thronged our streets Saturday and our merchants did a rushing business which is a good beginning for 1910.

Mrs. Nellie Bennett, who has been visiting relatives in Springfield, Ill., has returned and will make her home with her son, W. S. Montgomery, of this city.

MRS. LOVELL ON TRIAL

Preliminary Examination of Stella Martin Lovell, Charged With Shooting Duke Benefield.

The preliminary trial of Mrs. Stella Martin Lovell, who shot Duke Benefield in her home in this city, on the night of December 20, was called Thursday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock, Justice B. F. Jeter presiding. The state was represented by Prosecuting Attorney W. B. Dawson and the defendant W. O. Jackson of the local bar.

Prosecution waived the reading of the charge against the defendant, the Court being familiar with the same. Witnesses were called and examined in the following order, and the substance of their testimony is as given:

Chas. Lester, Rich Hill, Mo. was in the home of woman called Stella Martin on the evening of December 20th. Went about 6 o'clock, thinks he left about 1. Other visitor at place were Nellie Golden and Duke Benefield. Benefield found some letters, don't know contents. Some words; thought it just a lovers' fuss. Shooting followed so quickly that he couldn't realize anything of it. The woman he had known as Stella Martin fired the shot. Benefield was sitting on edge of folding bed. Woman was on the other side of house near dresser or commode, about ten feet away from Benefield. Sure of one shot being fired; may have been more, can't say. Witness made no effort to prevent shooting; had no chance. Nellie Golden crossed the room to Stella Martin and caught her by the arm and took hold of pistol. Witness followed and took hold of the pistol. Could not decide Martin's position at time shot was fired. Doesn't know calibre or make of pistol, nor what became of it.

Cross examination: Benefield and the woman were good friends as far as he knew. Duke's call was to visit Stella. Thought shooting a "bluff," at first.

When the sheriff started to fill with the prisoners, Stella Martin asked permission to bid Duke good by and went back and kissed him. Thinks they kissed each other. Heard some words spoken such as Duke saying he was not "dirty" enough not to kiss Stella and say good by at her request. Thought there was no appearance of ill-will at time of that parting.

Re-direct: Thought shooting occurred at about 9:30 or 10 o'clock. Nellie Golden, Butler, Mo., was present when Benefield was shot. Shooting was done so quickly could not see much of it. Saw Mrs. Lovell (Stella Martin) pull revolver out of drawer. Scowled, started to run out, but did not. Can swear that only one shot was fired; seems like there might have been two. Don't know whether the gun was held in one hand or both by the woman. They had been "loving" a while and "chewing the rag" a while.

Cross examination: Duke and Stella had been sweethearts for some time, visited her frequently. There was whiskey and beer in the house and she supposed Duke brought it.

Several unimportant statements were brought out in this witness' testimony, which bore out the testimony of preceding witness.

Pete Carpenter, Butler, Mo. Went to the home of Stella Martin Lovell with a passenger at 10:29. Was called inside. Duke was lying on the bed. Stella said there had been an accident; Duke said it was not, that she had done it purposely. Duke said three shots were fired. Cross examination: Thought Duke had been coming to Butler to see the woman for about two years.

Sheriff Bullock: Was called to home of Stella Martin Lovell, still stating Duke Benefield had been shot. Found Doctors Chastain and Zey, the wounded man, Chas. Lester, Nellie Golden and Mrs. Lovell. Arriving at the house was told by Mrs. Lovell that Duke had been shot accidentally. Described conditions inside house when he entered, and said Mrs. Lovell again said it was an accidental shooting. Duke said he had been shot by Stell. Asked if it was an accident or Leg play Duke said, "Ask her," Duke said he was suffering; that he was "done for." Witness then placed Lester and Mrs. Lovell under arrest, Nellie Golden having left the room during the conversation with Duke. Asked Stell how it happened. She took him to another room and related incidents of the night from early in the evening. While preparing lunch, she said Duke kept bothering her. Duke had whiskey, she had beer. Some of her statements were lost on account of people coming to the room, the witness said. He asked her why she shot and she said she didn't know. She said she shot him with her pistol, a 38 S. & W. Remington that she had said it was accidental. Mrs. Lovell said: "You may call it what you please I shot him."

While they were talking Nellie Golden came and was put under arrest. Returning to the room where Duke was, Mrs. Lovell stooped over the bed and talked with him. At Dr. Chastain's prompting, witness took Mrs. Lovell from the bed. During conversation, Mrs. Lovell asked Duke if he blamed her, if he wanted her to go to jail. Duke seemed to desire to evade a direct answer, but said "You had no provocation to shoot me."

Dr. E. N. Chastain, Butler, Mo. Called in a professional way to see Duke Benefield. Gun shot wound in the lower right hand part of the abdomen; bullet penetrated the bladder; physical result was an internal hemorrhage. Death was sure to follow a wound of this nature. Bullet evidently fired from side, not from front; bullet entered a little lower than the top of hip bone, probably an inch from top. Doctor remained with patient till he was taken home and till noon train. Patient was under the influence of anesthetic till time of doctor's leaving.

J. K. Martin, Rich Hill, Mo. Member of coroner's jury. Said report shown him was original report of jury.

Neither witnesses were examined. The court gave the defendants until Friday morning at 10 o'clock to submit authorities on the question of bond and whether bail could be given or not.—Butler Dem.

Stella Martin Lovell was admitted to bail Monday morning, Circuit Judge Denton. Bonds were fixed in the sum of \$3,000 and security was furnished by R. J. Thomas. The state asked that bond be denied, but it was to be given, that bail be fixed at least \$10,000 but the Court thought that amount too high.

Mrs. Frank Putnam Dead.

Word reached here last Sunday morning of the death of Mrs. Frank Putnam, who was formerly Miss Grace Hicks of this city, at Wier, Kansas.

Mrs. Putnam had numerous friends and relatives in this city who mourn her loss. The funeral was held at the Baptist church Tuesday and was conducted by the Rev. A. G. Keast, of the Walnut St. M. E. church. Interment was made in Green Lawn Cemetery.

Will Elgert has returned to Des Moines, Iowa after a Christmas visit with home folks.

Mail Eagles returned to Muskogee, Oklahoma, last Saturday.

When Tom Marley, police commissioner, put the blue badge on a fair dealer on the street, he seemed to have been utterly careless of the fact that he would thereby offend a poor fellow. Apparently he was contented to act as the official representative of the qualified voters who desired only to vote once apiece and give every other qualified voter the same chance. One result of this decision was to compel certain poor fellows to try to make their political careers. Another was to reduce the value of the "blue badge" of various politicians to the size and shape of a joke. These are offenses not easily forgiven, and a poor politician is not a poor politician for nothing. There seems to be nothing for the commissioner to do except to get what he can out of the fact that the 19th of December witnessed the cheapest and quietest passing of a badge that this town ever knew and that the Kansas City police have been overlooking a good deal of work in making it so. Kansas City Times.

Surgical Operations are necessary in many cases. Women naturally dread them and will be glad to find relief from their many ills without them. The Detroit Medical Institute have published a book for women that tells how you may be cured at home without an operation. Every woman should read for a copy. It tells everything you ought to know about your disease. Prescriptions are given in full, and all you need to do is to copy them and let your druggist fill them. The book is free. Their address is: Detroit Medical Institute, Buchanan St., Detroit, Mich.

Miss Neta Ross very pleasantly entertained a number of her friends at the home of Carl Gench on West Olive St. Various games were indulged in. Refreshments were served and the guests departed at a late hour, voting their hostess a very pleasant entertainer.

Chas. Shaw, of Home and H. P. Robinson, of the country west have our thanks for the regular yearly contribution.

James Rand, Ivan Corbin, William Ferguson, Ralph Risco, George Templeton, John Cressy, Cleo Craig, Lester Ford, and Josie Flanning departed on the noon train for Columbia, Mo. to resume his studies at the State University.

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Let every boy 1 Republican be more alert than ever.

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WALTER S. DICKEY,

Chairman.

R. R. TIME TABLE

Free Time Card

TRAINS DEPART:
No. 182, Passenger, 1:10 p. m.
No. 180, Mixed, 4:30 p. m.

TRAINS ARRIVE:
No. 183, Mixed, 10:10 a. m.
No. 181, Passenger, 3:20 p. m.

Train 182 makes direct connection at Union with trains north and south arriving at Kansas City 1:15 a. m. making all connections at Union depot for all points east, west, north and south. Best train for Ft. Scott, Pittsburg, Joplin, Oklahoma points and the South-east. Train 180 connects at Union with trains north and south arriving Kansas City 12:30 p. m. Train 183 connects at Union with trains arriving Kansas City 10:10 a. m.

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NORTH BOUND, ST. LOUIS AND E. C.
No. 208 Leaves, 11:30 a. m.
No. 210 Leaves, 12:30 p. m.
No. 204 Leaves, 3:30 a. m.

WEST BOUND, FT. SCOTT CENTRAL.
No. 407 Leaves, 1:30 a. m.
No. 409 Leaves, 1:50 a. m.

SOUTH BOUND.
No. 209 Arrives, 1:30 a. m.
No. 207 Arrives, 12:30 p. m.
No. 203 Arrives, 10:30 p. m.

EAST BOUND, FT. SCOTT CENTRAL.
No. 408 Arrives, 11:30 p. m.
No. 410 Arrives, 10:30 p. m.
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